

Selections from the Civic Art Collection

All Floors, New Central Library, San Diego

More than 150 paintings, drawings and photographs from the City of San Diego's own Civic Art Collection have been permanently installed on all floors of the library. Of particular importance are fourteen artworks by San Diego artist Russell Baldwin. The City of San Diego has one of the largest public holdings of Baldwin's works. Many of the artworks on display are those of significant San Diego area artists including Sheldon Kirby, Jean Swigget, Robin Bright and Jay Johnson. The Special Collections section of the library on the ninth floor houses some of the City's early California paintings by Alfred Mitchell and Elliot Torrey. The Hervey Family Fund Rare Books Room will exhibit six newly conserved and rarely seen prints from the 1800s, three by William Hogarth and three by Ando Hiroshige. In addition, paintings by Charles Fries and Maurice Braun and sculptural works by Donal Hord will be on display in the Rare Books Room. Another special artwork on exhibit in the Sullivan Family Baseball Research Center on the eighth floor is a contemporary sculpture by San Francisco-based artist Yoram Wolberger (*Male baseball #1*) on loan to the City through a special arrangement with the Mark Moore Gallery and the Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego.

"Simply put, the new Central Library is a showcase for the largest display of City-owned artwork in the 100-year history of the Civic Art Collection," said Dana Springs, Interim Executive Director of the City of San Diego Commission for Arts and Culture. "I couldn't be more proud of the quality and breadth of the artworks that San Diegans will be able to experience at the library."

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